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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/529,060 ) Group Art Unit: 2861  
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Filed: March 24, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 4361  
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Title: DROPLET FORMING METHOD FOR )  
MIXED LIQUID AND DROPLET )  
FORMING DEVICE, AND INK JET )  
PRINTING METHOD AND DEVICE, )  
AND INK JET PRINTING )  
ELECTRODE-CARRYING NOZZLE )

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A Japanese Office Action dated January 22, 2008 that issued in a Japanese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

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Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of the cited documents are also attached hereto.

While the Japanese Office Action dated January 22, 2008 additionally cites to H11-300975, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on September 1, 2005.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstracts, and/or from the citation of the documents in the attached Japanese Office Action dated January 22, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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